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Dear Dr. Henney:

Please take steps to prohibit antibiotics from being used to promote livestock growth if those antibiotics are also used to treat people or are related to antibiotics used to treat people.

Already, one strain of salmonella is resistant to five antibiotics, and I have read of other illnesses in which options for treatment are diminishing.

This is a serious health concern, and the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention considers the overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture the principle cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria like salmonella and campylobacter.

Please follow the lead of the European Union and ban all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics that have a role ~~in~~ human medicine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

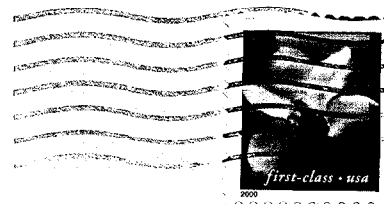


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